Should people promote the advancements of women’s rights in the Middle East because it could be beneficial to their countries and it is immoral if they do not have them? Or, should they not, since it is wrong to try and change the Islamic law and religion that has been existed in their culture for so long?

The government’s deinstitutionalization of mental health facilities is largely responsible for the increase of population in jails and prisons.

Many people, such as concerned parents, teachers, or researchers, are curious on which form of education is most efficient for their autistic child, but in reality, autistic students are completely different from each other, so both forms of education, special education and the inclusion process, should be included in schools in order for autistic students to gain the most they can from their education.

Same-sex marriage should be legalized because every citizen of the United States of America deserves equality under the law through legal rights, limit of government control, child-raising and, happiness.

I believe that a harsh deportation policy like the one Romney proposes to implement would help this country for the better.

I will show a further understanding of how the art of poetry affects everyone, not just me. By explaining the grounds that cause it to be so influential and showing the affects it has on the world, it will be proven that poetry should not be taken lightly or ignored.

All thesis statements, regardless of the kind of paper you are writing, need two components:

1. The WHAT
2. And the SO WHAT

**The WHAT** is the content of your paper, what your topic is about. It should clearly let the reader know the breadth and depth of your paper.

In the above examples, “Same sex marriage should be legalized” would be the WHAT. This WHAT statement, however, lacks any indication of the depth the paper will go into.

**The SO WHAT** is the second part of the thesis, and it lets the readers know the answer to WHY the WHAT matters, is important, etc. If you read a thesis and then feel the urge to say “so what”? then the statement is missing this component.

In the above examples, the thesis about Mitt Romney is missing the SO WHAT.

**IN ADDITION**,

* a thesis statement does not need hedging words like “I believe” nor should it draw attention to you as a writer as in “I will show…”
* thesis questions are fine. They need to follow the same WHAT and SO WHAT but can help the reader know that you are going to work toward answering a question.
* A thesis statement does NOT, I repeat, DOES NOT, have to be at the end of the first paragraph. Readers will know a thesis when they read it.